



1641
PATENT
Attorney Docket No. STK-081
(7557/65)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Chubinskaya *et al.*
SERIAL NO.: 10/081,163 GROUP NO.: 1641
FILING DATE: February 20, 2002 EXAMINER: Not yet assigned
TITLE: Methods of Using Bone Morphogenic Proteins as Biomarkers for Determining Cartilage Degeneration and Aging

CERTIFICATE OF FIRST CLASS MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence, and any documents referred to as enclosed herein, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on this 19th day of March, 2004.

March 19, 2004
Date

Brenda T. Kowalcuk
Brenda T. Kowalcuk

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith is/are:

Transmittal Form (1 pg.); Status Inquiry (2 pgs.); return-addressed stamped envelope (1); this Certificate of First Class Mailing and return receipt postcard.



**TRANSMITTAL
FORM**

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Application Serial Number | 10/081,163 |
| Filing Date | February 20, 2002 |
| First Named Inventor | Chubinskaya |
| Group Art Unit | 1641 |
| Examiner Name | Not yet assigned |
| Attorney Docket No. | STK-081 |
| Patent No. | Not applicable |
| Issue Date | Not applicable |

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Check Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Fee Transmittal Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (PTO-1553) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Formal Drawing(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Appeal to Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Brief (in triplicate) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Letter to Official Draftsperson including Drawings [Total Sheets ____] | <input type="checkbox"/> Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney (Revocation of Prior Powers) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Status Inquiry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificate of First Class Mailing under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional Enclosure(s) (please identify below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for Extension of Time | <input type="checkbox"/> Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for Utility or Design Patent Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Statement | 1. Return-addressed stamped envelope |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Form PTO-1449 <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of IDS Citations | <input type="checkbox"/> CD(s) for large table or computer program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment After Allowance | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Certificate of Correction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Correction (in duplicate) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sequence Listing submission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Copy/CD <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Copy <input type="checkbox"/> Statement verifying identity of above | | |

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

Direct all correspondence to: Patent Administrator
 Testa, Hurwitz & Thibeault, LLP
 High Street Tower
 125 High Street
 Boston, MA 02110
 Tel. No.: (617) 248-7000
 Fax No.: (617) 248-7100

SIGNATURE BLOCK

Respectfully submitted,

Diana M. Steel

Attorney for Applicants
 Testa, Hurwitz & Thibeault, LLP
 High Street Tower
 125 High Street
 Boston, MA 02110



PATENT
Attorney Docket No. STK-081
(7557/65)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Chubinskaya *et al.*
SERIAL NO.: 10/081,163 GROUP NO.: 1641
FILING DATE: February 20, 2002 EXAMINER: Not yet assigned
TITLE: Methods of Using Bone Morphogenic Proteins as Biomarkers for Determining Cartilage Degeneration and Aging

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

1. More than 1 year and 8 months has passed since

NEW APPLICATIONS

the filing of this application on February 20, 2002.

We received the Notification of Publication on December 19, 2002 but nothing further.

AMENDED APPLICATIONS

the filing of a Response to Restriction Requirement on _____. (resubmitted on ____)

No further communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office.

APPEALED APPLICATION.

The Appeal Brief was filed on _____.
(check and complete applicable items below)

An Examiner's Answer was mailed on _____.
 A Reply to the Examiner's Answer was submitted on _____.

Status Inquiry
U.S. Serial No. 10/081,163
Page 2 of 2

2. Kindly advise the undersigned of the present status of this application, by checking the appropriate box on this page. A stamped return-addressed envelope is provided.

Respectfully submitted,



Date: March 19, 2004
Reg. No. 43,153
Tel. No.: (617) 310-8168
Fax No.: (617) 248-7100

Diana M. Steel
Attorney for Applicants
Testa, Hurwitz & Thibeault, LLP
High Street Tower
125 High Street
Boston, MA 02110

STATUS INQUIRY REPLY

APPLICATION SERIAL NO. _____ IS CURRENTLY

ASSIGNED TO GROUP _____ AND AWAITS:
 ACTION BY THE EXAMINER.
 APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION
MAILED _____.

APPEAL NO. _____.

AWAITING ACTION BY THE BOARD OF PATENT
APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES
 DATE OF HEARING EXPECTED _____.
 DECISION EXPECTED _____.